
By: **Chairman, Ways and Means Committee (By Request - Departmental -
Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harness Racing - Licensees - Takeout Allocation**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing a harness track licensee's share of the takeout relating to
4 purses and the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund to be allocated in accordance
5 with a certain agreement; requiring that certain persons sign the agreement;
6 declaring that this Act may not be construed to allow alteration of certain
7 mandatory takeout allocations to the State Racing Commission; and generally
8 relating to harness track licensees.

9 BY adding to
10 Article - Business Regulation
11 Section 11-617.1
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Business Regulation**

17 11-617.1.

18 (A) NOTWITHSTANDING § 11-617 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE AMOUNT OF THE
19 TAKEOUT RELATING TO PURSES AND THE MARYLAND STANDARDBRED RACE FUND
20 FROM THE AMOUNT RETAINED BY A LICENSEE MAY BE ALLOCATED IN ACCORDANCE
21 WITH THE TERMS OF A WRITTEN AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE AUTHORIZED
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF:

23 (1) THE LICENSEE;

24 (2) THE GROUP THAT REPRESENTS A MAJORITY OF THE STANDARDBRED
25 OWNERS AND TRAINERS LICENSED IN THE STATE AT THE TIME THE AGREEMENT IS
26 SIGNED; AND

1 (3) THE GROUP THAT REPRESENTS A MAJORITY OF THE STANDARD BRED
2 BREEDERS IN THE STATE AT THE TIME THE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED.

3 (B) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO PERMIT THE
4 LICENSEE TO ALTER THE MANDATORY TAKEOUT ALLOCATED TO THE COMMISSION
5 FOR:

6 (1) THE STATE TAX; OR

7 (2) THE PAYMENT TO THE RACING FACILITY REDEVELOPMENT BOND
8 FUND FOR THE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
10 effect July 1, 2004.